



YEAR 1 REPORT CARD

May 2018

This GO KC report card summarizes the progress of projects launched in Year One of the 20-year infrastructure repair plan approved by voters in April 2017.

The City has held several groundbreakings, launched a citywide sidewalk repair program, repaired fountains, synchronized traffic signals, and held Design Open House sessions to gather input prior to construction for additional projects.

Not all of the projects are glitzy and glamorous, but all are essential to building a better Kansas City with better sidewalks, a new animal shelter, less flooding, and more accessibility for all our residents.

In addition to this annual report card, the City created the GO KC Project Explorer in Open Data KC, which allows residents to track progress and review details of ongoing projects. Complete information is also available at kcmo.gov/gokc

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YEAR 1

YEAR ONE PROJECTS BY TYPE

Paseo Bridge Repairs over Brush Creek	Complete	Bridges	
Spirit of Freedom Fountain	Complete	Fountains	
Delbert Haff Fountain	Construction underway	Fountains	
KC Museum	Construction underway	Buildings	
Starlight ADA	Construction underway	Buildings	
City Hall - Elevator ADA	On Order	Buildings	
Animal Shelter	Design	Buildings	
Maple Woods Parkway	Design	Streets	
North Oak Trafficway	Design	Streets	
Southwest Quadrant Beacon Hill	Construction underway	Streets	
135th St from Wornall Rd to M-150	Construction underway	Streets	
Paseo Gateway	Design	Streets	
Prospect MAX	Ongoing	Streets	
Wornall Road, 85th-89th	Bids awarded	Streets	
Beardsley Road Landslide	Design	Streets	
22nd/23rd Street	Construction underway	Streets	
Marlborough Community Infrastructure	Construction underway	Streets	
Penn Valley Park Landslide	Construction underway	Streets	
Broadway Traffic Synchronization	Final Testing	Streets	
Swope Park Industrial Levee	Right-of-way Acquisition	Flood Control	
Dodson Industrial	Groundbreaking held	Flood Control	
Turkey Creek	Construction underway	Flood Control	
Citywide Sidewalk Repair	Construction underway	Sidewalks	
ADA Curb Ramps	Construction underway	Sidewalks	
1% for Arts	Allocated	Public Art	

YEAR TWO PROJECTS

The second year of GO KC is set to be just as vigorous as the first, with about \$62.4 million worth of projects scheduled. Of that amount, slightly more than \$42 million is being dedicated to repair roads, bridges and sidewalks. The animal shelter moves into Year Two, accompanied by a \$4 million upgrade for the KC Museum and \$5 million being set aside for sidewalks. The Paseo Gateway will see \$4 million in GO KC dollars while Maple Woods Parkway (to Anne Garney Park) gets some \$6.8 million. The extensive Prospect Max project is getting \$9.2 million while work on North Oak Trafficway is receiving \$5.3 million. Flood control gets a major funding boost in year two, with about \$7.6 million going for Dodson/Turkey Creek debt service. For a complete list of second-year projects, check out kcmo.gov/gokc

YEAR 2



Spotlight: City's new sidewalks program means more \$\$ for residents

Behind every great movement lies a catalyst for change. In this case, the plan to reinvent the way KCMO pays for sidewalks was a prime reason voters overwhelmingly approved the issuance of \$800 million in bonds to create a massive capital improvements program. That's why it was the first question on last April's ballot. And that's why the minute it passed planners dove right in to create a whole new program that takes a balanced approach to this age-old problem.

In Year One, the City launched a citywide sidewalk repair program that already has paved 11 blocks of new sidewalks and is well on its way toward making Kansas City more pedestrian-friendly.

This \$150 million investment removes the burden from individual property owners, totally revamping the way sidewalks have been repaired and built across the City. This program will systematically evaluate, repair and replace sidewalks. Before the General Obligation bonds, residents basically paid for the spot repair sidewalk program. To streamline the process and, in fairness to those who will pay the new tax, the City has forgiven any outstanding assessments before the April vote. The City's systematic sidewalk inspections began in concert with construction of a shovel-ready backlog of spot repairs. Once the backlog is cleared, the work will expand to other areas.

The goal is to make it through two citywide cycles over 20 years, fixing sidewalks in every part of the City.

25

PROJECTS IN
MOTION

11

PROJECTS
OVER 75% COMPLETE

4

PROJECTS WITH
AGENCY/GOV'T PARTNERS

What people are saying

"... bonds approved earlier this year voters are finally turning planning into progress ..."

FOX 4 NEWS REPORT

"...The City of Kansas City Mo takes care of infrastructure!"

BELLE WEAD, Facebook

On sidewalks: "They look fantastic - and we love them! ... We appreciate @KCMO's support on the project!"

@MARTINCITYMO

"... this sort of work is helping attract economic development ..."

FOX 4 NEWS REPORT

How it works

The program is funded through revenue created by issuing approximately \$40 million in General Obligation (GO) bonds each year for 20 years. These bonds are backed by the “full faith or credit” of the issuer, rather than a specific revenue-producing project or asset. Voters granted the City this power by approving higher property taxes to fund the \$800 million in infrastructure work. These capital improvement projects include reconstruction of streets, creating a new citywide sidewalk repair program, flood control projects, and renovation of City buildings, especially to make public areas ADA-compliant.

Although the City plans to sell on average \$40 million of bonds each year for the next 20 years, it is legally possible to sell the bonds in any pattern. That’s why the second year projection is about \$18 million higher than the first year, allowing the City to complete projects underway while simultaneously launching new projects. So while the annual investment may vary, the average amount will level off over the 20-year time frame.

Connection to economic development

While the focus of the GO KC program is on long-deferred maintenance of major infrastructure, the City already is benefitting from new economic development based on the success of the program.

In Beacon Hill, a street and curb project at 25th and Troost is surrounded by new development.

Changes in Year One projects

The Year One list initially included \$7 million for a new animal shelter in a public-private partnership. While the project has moved forward with private fundraising, design work, and negotiating the recently approved Cooperative Agreement with the KC Parks Board and City Council, it became clear in Spring 2018 that the City’s portion of the

funding would not be needed until FY 19 (summer of 2018). That created an opportunity to advance some of the Year Two projects into Year One:

- Wornall Road from 85th-89th
- North Oak Trafficway to N. Indianola

Another change from the original Year One plan is the emergency repairs needed due to the landslide along Main Street in Penn Valley Park. This was funded by \$600,000 in combined savings from the Beacon Hill (25th & Troost) and Martin City (135th street) projects.

Connection to PIAC vote

In April 2018, Kansas City voters approved renewal of the capital improvements sales tax that funds neighborhood projects approved with resident input through the Public Improvements Advisory Committee. The renewal is for 20 years, which allows the City to better align PIAC and GO KC projects.

How to find information about GO KC projects

To help you track the progress of this 20-year program, the city makes information available in multiple formats.



OPEN DATA KC: GO KC Project Explorer track progress 24/7 and view details of ongoing projects.



WEBSITE: kcmo.gov/gokc



VIDEO STORIES: youtube.com/kcmocco and click on GO KC Recent Projects



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